

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3825**

(Doc. No. 9926ssp07.doc)

| | | | |
|-----------|---|------|---------|
| TO: | The Honorable Daniel T. "Dan" Cooper, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee | | |
| FROM: | Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board | | |
| ANALYSTS: | R.J. Stein | | |
| DATE: | April 10, 2007 | SBD: | 2007303 |

| | | | |
|----------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| AUTHOR: | Representative Limehouse | PRIMARY CODE CITE: | 47-9-60 |
| SUBJECT: | Marsh Tacky Horse Registry | | |

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3825 amends Chapter 9, Title 47 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 47-9-60 which requires the Department of Agriculture to maintain a registry of the Marsh Tacky horses located in South Carolina. The Bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture to charge a one-time registration fee of \$10.00 per horse to offset the cost of establishing and maintaining the registry. The Bill further provides that any unused fees must be remitted to the State General Fund.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Agriculture estimates that the cost to establish and maintain such a registry would be minimal (approximately \$500 annually). It is estimated that there are between 200 and 300 purebred Marsh Tacky horses in South Carolina.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



Harry Bell
Assistant Director, Office of State Budget